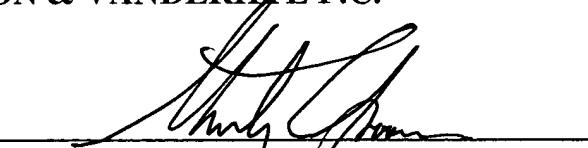


REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1. before the first line, insert as a separate paragraph:

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IN THE CLAIMS

5. The apparatus of claims 3 and 4 where the spherical aberration of images associated with each diffraction order is arranged to correct for spherical aberration associated with the different thickness of substantially parallel plates in object space.